Patent claims:

1. Use of an indoline derivative of formula

$$(1) \qquad \begin{matrix} R_1 \\ \\ R_2 \\ \\ R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} R_2 \\ \\ R_5 \end{matrix}$$

wherein

R₁ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; C₁-C₁₈alkoxy; or halogen;

R₂ is C₁-C₈alkyl; C₅-C₇cycloalkyl; C₆-C₁₀aryl;

R₃ is C₁-C₁₈alkyl; or a radical of formula (1a) N = N

R₄ is hydrogen; or a radical of formula (1b) —C=O

 R_5 is a radical of formula (1c) $\begin{array}{c} \left(\begin{array}{c} R_7 \\ 1 \end{array} \right) & R_8 \\ C = O \end{array} ; C_1 - C_{18} \text{alkoxy; or a radical of formula}$

(1d)
$$-CH = C - C = N$$

$$0 = C - C = N$$

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 R_6 and R_7 are each independently of the other hydrogen; or $C_1\text{-}C_5$ alkyl;

 R_8 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_5 alkyl; C_5 - C_7 cycloalkyl; phenyl; phenyl- C_1 - C_3 alkyl;

R₉ is C₁-C₁₈alkyl;

X is halogen; a radical of formula (1e) -NH

n is 0; or 1, as a light-protective agent.

- 2. Use according to claim 1, wherein, in formula (1),
- R_{5} is a radical of formula (1g) $-\mathsf{C} = \mathsf{O}$; and
- R₈ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or phenyl.
- 3. Use according to claim 2, wherein
- R₈ is hydrogen or methyl.
- 4. Use according to claim 2, wherein
- R_5 is C_1 - C_{18} alkoxy.
- 5. Use according to claim 4, wherein
- R_5 is a radical of formula (1h) -O CH_2 CH_2 CH_3 CH_3 CH_3
- 6. Use according to claim 1, wherein
- R_{5} is a radical of formula (1i) NH = C = 0; and

R₈ is hydrogen; or methyl.

7. Use according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein

R₃ is C₃-C₁₈isoalkyl.

- 8. Use of a compound of formula (1) in protecting human and animal hair and the skin against the damaging action of UV radiation.
- 9. A cosmetic composition comprising at least one or more compounds of formula (1) according to claim 1 together with cosmetically tolerable carriers or adjuvants.
- 10. A composition according to claim 9, which comprises further UV-protective substances.
- 11. A composition according to either claim 9 or claim 10, which comprises triazines, oxanilides, triazoles, vinyl-group-containing amides or cinnamic acid amides as further UV-protective substances.

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12. A compound of formula

$$(12) \qquad \begin{matrix} R_1 \\ \\ R_2 \\ \\ R_3 \end{matrix} \qquad \begin{matrix} R_2 \\ \\ R_4 \\ \\ R_5 \end{matrix}$$

wherein

R₁ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; C₁-C₅alkoxy; or halogen;

 R_2 is C_1 - C_5 alkyl; C_5 - C_7 cycloalkyl; C_6 - C_{10} aryl;

R₃ is C₁-C₅alkyl or a radical of formula (1a) ——N——N——N——N——N——N——N——N——N——Hal

R₄ is hydrogen; or a radical of formula (1b) —C=0

 R_5 is $C_5\text{-}C_{18}$ alkoxy; a radical of formula (1b); or a radical of formula

(1d)
$$-CH = C - C = N$$
;
 $O = C - C = N$;

R₉ is C₁-C₁₈alkyl; or

 R_{4} and R_{5} denote a radical of formula (1b).